

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, line 2, with the following new paragraph:

Related Applications

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The present application is a continuation of Application No. 09/572,330 filed May 18, 2000, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,277,405, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/005,128 filed January 9, 1998, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,074,670, which claims priority to French Application No. 97 00479 filed January 17, 1997. This application is also related to U.S. Patent Nos. 6,596,317 and 6,589,552.
